

How to save the world - To Do List

Who	What they can, could or should do
Individuals	Insulate your home, minimise your fossil energy use. Work collectively as activists, shareholders and voters to demand radical reform of the economic and political systems. Demonstrate against fossil energy. Go on consumer strike!
Politicians	Lead! Think not of what the big corporations can do for you, but what you can do for your country. Consider your place in history. Regulate for an economic transition, reach out to other countries, shut dirty industries, tax the undesirable and unsustainable, and help your people understand the need for change.
Investors	Get out of fossil, automotive, aviation, shipping, plastics, cement and all associated dirty industries. Place your accumulated gains from these sectors in a holding account as they will be needed by the state to fund the transition. Invest in clean sectors with the expectation that your returns will be strictly limited by regulation. Think more carefully in future.
Leaders of dirty industries (fossil, cement, heavy energy users, automotive, aviation, plastics, chemicals, shipping etc)	Hire people to drastically shrink and transform your businesses so they are sustainable or, in the case of the fossil energy and cement sector, to shut them. Find a good lawyer. Ask yourself some serious questions about what you have done with your life and why you thought it was okay.
Other business managers	Insulate buildings, save water and energy, lengthen your reporting cycle, seek long term investors, redesign your products to last longer, invest in clean businesses, join one of the sustainable business coalitions to promote change.
Judicial system	Help societies think through the legal aspects of the transition. Train judges and prosecutors to better understand environmental issues. Prosecute those responsible for climate change, species loss and environmental pollution.
Education system, lecturers and teachers	Radically reform the teaching of economics, by scrapping the discipline or redefining its purpose. Help students understand the need for a radical economic transition. Help society reflect on humanity's long term direction and values.
The banking and finance sector	Prepare for breakup. Banks will need to support the economy, not the other way around as they do today. Place any assets that you hold in dirty industries in a holding account as they will be needed by the state during the transition.
Economists and employees of dirty sector businesses	Retrain for another career. What were you thinking?
Environmentalists	Take a course on how to change complex systems.
Military	Refocus. Rather than planning for conflict, concentrate on maintaining international peace and security in the face of climate change, mass migration, drought and water shortages. Work closely with governments to advise them on safe transition options.
Religious groups	Be bold in what you say and do. Help people understand the need for change, help them stay positive, provide them with spiritual and practical support. Help societies rethink their purpose and meaning.
Farmers and food retailers	Localise production to minimise the use of damaging fertilisers, transport systems and packaging.
Trades unions	Help workers understand the need for change. Negotiate with employers and governments to minimise the disruption to clean businesses and protect the innocent. Help academics rethink the role of business and economics.
Journalists and the media	Speak for the good of humanity. Help societies understand the need for change. Establish platforms to encourage debate on a better system of economic and social development.
Global organisations – UN, World Bank etc	Do the right thing: strive to maximise human welfare within the limits of nature. Reform the SDGs so they focus on the development of an equilibrium economy and a greatly reduced ecological footprint.